

Resolution No.: 16-624  
Introduced: June 24, 2008  
Adopted June 24, 2008

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Executive Regulation 29-07, Temporary Replacement of Accessible Taxicabs

**Background**

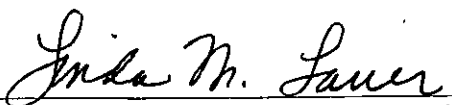
1. Executive Regulation 29-07 would establish a written model year policy for taxicab vehicles as allowed under County Code Section 53-104.
2. On April 18, 2008, the County Council received Executive Regulation 29-07, Temporary Replacement of Accessible Taxicabs.
3. Under Method (2), if the Council does not approve or disapprove a regulation within 60 days after the Council receives the regulation, it is automatically approved and takes effect the day after the deadline for approval or a later date specified in the regulation.
4. County Code Section 2A-15 allows the Council by resolution to extend the deadline for action on a regulation under Method (2). On May 13, 2008, the Council extended time on Executive Regulation 29-07 to June 30, 2008.
5. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee reviewed Executive Regulation 29-07 on June 16, 2008. The Committee recommended approval of Executive Regulation 29-07.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

Executive Regulation 29-07, Temporary Replacement of Accessible Taxicabs, is approved.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE REGULATION

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Originating Department Department of Public Works and Transportation	Effective Date June 24, 2008

## TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT OF ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

Issued by: County Executive

Authority: Code Section 53-506(c)

Supersedes: Executive Regulation N/A

Council Review Method (2) Under Code Section 2A-15

Comment Date:

Effective Date: June 24, 2008

### SUMMARY:

The regulation will establish a policy for temporarily replacing accessible taxicabs with sedans.

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## I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Montgomery County Code Section 53-506(c) requires that the Department must consider the recommendations of the Taxicab Services Advisory Committee to establish a regulation to allow the temporary replacement of accessible vehicles with sedans. The Commission on People with Disabilities and the Department of Health and Human Services were also consulted.

Section 53-506(a) requires that the overall number of accessible taxicab licenses must not be less than 5% of the total of available County taxicab licenses. The regulation proposes to require taxicab fleets or associations to maintain a level of at least 8% accessible taxicab motor vehicles.

Accessible taxicab service utilization declined significantly in FY 2000 when the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) reduced the participation of County contract taxicab service. The number of trips reported for FY 2000 was 65,100. The industry reported only 11,250 accessible taxicab trips for FY 2007.

## II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the regulation is to define a policy to allow the temporary replacement of accessible taxicabs with sedan motor vehicles.

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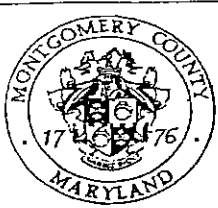
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## III. REGULATION

- A. Taxicab fleets or associations may temporarily replace licenses that are assigned to accessible vehicles with sedan motor vehicles to achieve 8% of the total number of licenses held by the fleet or association.
- B. In order for licensees to benefit from the privilege of reducing the number of accessible taxicabs, the fleet or association must provide a plan, approved by the Director, for improved accessible customer service that is available 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.
- C. Taxicab fleets or associations that do not currently hold any licenses that are assigned to accessible vehicles are not required to place accessible motor vehicles in service in order to achieve the 8% level until they receive additional licenses either by award or transfer.
- D. Taxicab fleets or associations that do not currently hold licenses assigned to accessible vehicles or have some licenses but the number is below the required 8% are not required to place additional accessible motor vehicles in service until they receive additional licenses either by award or transfer. For each newly awarded or transferred license, however, these taxicab fleets or associations must place one accessible motor vehicle in service until the 8% level is achieved.
- E. Once the 8% level is reached, taxicab fleets or associations must maintain the number of accessible taxicab motor vehicles at 8% or higher of the total number of licenses held by the fleet or association.
- F. Individual licensees that hold licenses that are assigned to accessible vehicles may temporarily replace accessible taxicabs with sedan motor vehicles.
- G. All taxicab fleets or associations are required to have a minimum of one accessible vehicle.

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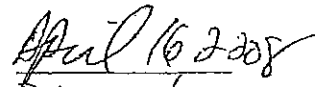
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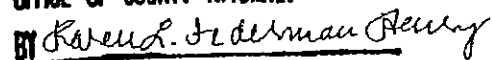
#### IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This regulation becomes effective when the Council adopts a resolution approving the regulation or on a later date specified in the regulation. If the Council takes no action of approval or disapproval, the regulation becomes automatically effective 61 days after the Council received it, or on any later deadline set by regulation.

  
Isiah Leggett, County Executive

  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY.  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY 

DATE November 13, 2007